

# JAVA.IO.CONSOLE CLASS

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## Introduction

The **java.util.Console** class provides methods to access the character-based console device, if any, associated with the current Java virtual machine.

## Class declaration

Following is the declaration for **java.util.Console** class:

```
public final class Console
    extends Object
    implements Flushable
```

## Class methods

S.N.	Method & Description
1	<a href="#"><u>void flush()</u></a> This method flushes the console and forces any buffered output to be written immediately.
2	<a href="#"><u>Console format(String fmt, Object... args)</u></a> This method writes a formatted string to this console's output stream using the specified format string and arguments.
3	<a href="#"><u>Console printf(String format, Object... args)</u></a> This method is used to write a formatted string to this console's output stream using the specified format string and arguments.
4	<a href="#"><u>Reader reader()</u></a> This method retrieves the unique Reader object associated with this console.
5	<a href="#"><u>String readLine()</u></a> This method reads a single line of text from the console.
6	<a href="#"><u>String readLine(String fmt, Object... args)</u></a> This method provides a formatted prompt, then reads a single line of text from the console.
7	<a href="#"><u>char[] readPassword()</u></a> This method reads a password or passphrase from the console with echoing disabled.
8	<a href="#"><u>char[] readPassword(String fmt, Object... args)</u></a> This method provides a formatted prompt, then reads a password or passphrase from the console with echoing disabled.
9	<a href="#"><u>PrintWriter writer()</u></a> This method retrieves the unique PrintWriter object associated with this console.

## Methods inherited

This class inherits methods from the following classes:

- `java.util.Object`